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SUBJECT: A-1 VISAS FOR IRAQI DIPLOMATS

REF: BAGHDAD 1843 AND PREVIOUS; STATE 303167

1. AS INDICATED IN STATE'S 303167, A REVIEW OF THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF A-1 ENTITLEMENT FOR IRAQI DIPLOMATS ASSIGNED TO U.S. WAS MADE BY ALL INTERESTED AREA OFFICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. THE RESULTANT DECISION THAT SUCH CLASSIFICATION IS PERMISSIBLE HINGED IN ESSENCE UPON THE TECHNICAL CONTINUITY OF DE JURE RECOGNITION OF IRAQ, NOTWITHSTANDING THE SEVERANCE OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND THE DE FACTO DIRECT EXCHANGE OF REPRESENTATIVES BETWEEN IRAQ AND THE U.S.

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2. THE ABOVE DECISION WAS MADE ON THE BASIS OF THE CITED CRITERIA AND EXTENDS TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES PARALLEL THOSE PRESENTLY EXISTING WITH RESPECT TO IRAQ. ACCORDINGLY, THE DEPARTMENT WILL PROCEED TO REVISE THE PRESENT NOTE MATERIAL IN 22 CFR 41.20 NOTE 1 AND THE LISTING FOR IRAQ IN APPENDIX C PART IV OF

THE VISA HANDBOOK TO REFLECT AUTHORIZATION FOR ISSUANCE OF
SINGLE ENTRY DIPLOMATIC A-1 VISAS FOR THREE MONTHS
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